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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) Device for the fastening of façade plates (2) with a threaded bar (4) extending from a holding element (3),
 - wherein, on its first end (E1)-located near the threaded bar-(4), the holding element (3)-has an annular space (6)-with a wall made of an elastic material-(10),
 - wherein a channel (7) extends from the annular space (6) to a second end (E2) at a distance from the threaded bar-(4),
 - and wherein a valve (8) is provided on the second end (E2) with which valve the channel (7) can be closed.
- 2. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element (3) has a larger diameter on the second end (E2) than on the <u>first second end (E2)</u>.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the holding element (3) tapers conically from the second end (E2) to the first end (E1).
- 4. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the holding element (3) is one-piece and made of plastic.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the annular space (6) has a radially surrounding recess on the first end (E1).
- 6. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein an elastic tube (10) is located on the holding element (3).

7. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the elastic tube (10), preferably made of silicon, forms the wall of the annular space (6).

- 8. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the elastic tube (10) extends essentially over the entire axial length of the holding element-(3).
- 9. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein the elastic tube (10)-is fastened on a flange (9)-located on the first end (E1) of the holding element (3) via a mounting element (11), preferably a tube binder.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein an undercut projection (15)-is provided on the second end (E2).
- 11. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in <u>claim 1 one of the preceding claims</u>, wherein a centrical recess is provided on the second end (E2).
- 12. (Currently Amended) Method of fastening façade plates (2)-using the device as *defined in one of the preceding claims, with the following steps:
 - a) Make a bored hold (12, 5) extending into a supporting wall and reaching through the façade plate (2).
 - b) Widen the radius of the reach-through bored hole (12)-reaching through the façade plate (2)-in the vicinity of a visible side of the façade plate-(2),
 - c) Install a dowel (13) in the bored hole (5) made in the supporting wall (2) using a hardenable mass (14),
 - d) Insert the threaded bar (4)-into the dowel (13)-so that the holding element (3)-lies on the inner circumference of the reach-through bored hole-(12),
 - e) Screw in the device and mount to the façade plate-(2),

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f) Inject a viscoplastic hardenable mass (16)-via the valve (8)-so that the wall (10)-surrounding the annular space (6)-is widened and the holding element (3)-is thereby held in the reach-through bored hole-(12).

- 13. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in claim 12, wherein the radius of the reach-through bored hole (12) is conically widened.
- 14. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in <u>claim one of the claims 12-or 13</u>, wherein an epoxy resin is used as the viscoplastic hardenable mass—(16).
- 15. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in <u>claim one of the claims</u> 12-to 14, wherein an opening of the reach-through bored hole (12)-remaining on the visible side of the façade plate (2)-is closed after the hardening of the viscoplastic hardenable mass-(16).
- 16. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in <u>claim_one of the claims 12-to-15</u>, wherein the opening is closed with a cover or a mass (17)-containing a binding agent.

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